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11. (U) Reftel, sent in January, provided an interim list of the major meetings Portugal would host during its EU Presidency, which begins July 1. This cable provides an updated list. (Note: The GOP is very sensitive about this list and requested that we PROTECT this information in official channels only for security reasons.)

12. (SBU) All meetings are scheduled to take place in Lisbon unless otherwise marked.

#### JULY

1: Opening Concert (Porto)  
2: Joint Meeting of the Portuguese Government and the European Commission (Porto)  
4: Meeting of the National Defense Policy Directors-General  
5: Fifth Conference of the Network of EU Environmental Lawyers (NEEL)  
5-7: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Employment and Social Policy (Guimaraes)  
6: Meeting of the Directors-General of European Affairs  
6: Workshop on the Modernization of Public Administration and Competitiveness  
9-10: Informal Meeting of the High-Level Group on Asylum and Migration (GANAM)  
10: Informal Meeting of the Conventional Arms Exports Group (COARM)  
11-12: Seminar: "A 2020 Vision: Thinking the Way for 20% Renewables"  
11-13: Meeting of the Political and Security Committee (PSC or COPS)  
12-13: Meeting of Political Directors and European Correspondents (Estoril)  
13-14: Conference: Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)  
13-14: Informal Meeting of Directors-General Responsible for Sports  
16-17: First Meeting of the Innovative Public Service Group (IPSG)  
16-17: Informal Workshop of the International Environment Group on Climate Change  
18: Workshop: "The Contribution of Civil Aviation to Combating Climate Change"  
19: Troika Ministerial with Africa's Intergovernmental Authority of Development (IGAD)  
19-20: Meeting of the RELEX Group  
19-21: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Competitiveness and Science  
19-22: Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER) Meeting (Azores)  
23: First Meeting of the E-Governmental Group  
23: Meeting of the Green Diplomacy Network

#### AUGUST

31: Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers

SEPTEMBER

1: Informal Meeting of Environment Ministers (continued)  
4: Informal Meeting of Environment Attaches  
4-5: Informal Meeting of the Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum (SCIFA/CEIFA)  
5-6: Meeting of the Nicolaidis Group (COPS Preparatory Group)  
7: Meeting of the Art. 133 Committee - Members  
7-8: Informal Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers (GYMNICH) (V. do Castelo)  
7-8: Seminar on "Digitalization: Archive Preservation, Availability and Intellectual Property"  
10-11: Seminar of the Committee AVSEC (Aviation Security)  
11: High-Level Group Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming  
12-13: Workshop on the Application of the Principle of the Extended Producer Responsibility  
14: Informal Meeting of the Eurogroup (Porto)  
14: Conference: Directors of ESDP  
14-15: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Economics and Finance (ECOFIN) (Porto)  
15: Meeting of the EUROMED - Finance (Porto)  
16-18: Informal Meeting of Agriculture Ministers and CSA (Special Committee on Agriculture) (Porto)  
17: Meeting of Presidents/Directors of Diplomatic Training of MFAs  
17-18: Meeting 8th European Diplomatic Program - Module 1  
18: Troika of Political Directors EU-Turkey  
19: Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Administrative Modernization  
19-20: Conference on the Evaluation of Public Policy on Drugs  
19-21: E-Government Conference  
20: Meeting of the Directors-General Responsible for Youth  
20-23: COREPER II (Porto/Douro)  
21: Ministerial Troika EU/New Zealand

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21-22: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Development  
24: Meeting of the Crime Prevention Council  
24-25: Meeting of the Directors General for Vocational Education and Training  
26-27: First Meeting of the CEPOL Administrative Council  
26-28: Meeting of the Committee on Civil Aspects of Crisis Management (CIVCOM)  
27-28: Informal Meeting of Defense Ministers (Evora)  
27-28: Conference: Teacher Professional Development for the Quality and Equity of Lifelong Learning

\*\*Meeting of the General Affairs Group (GAG) - Place and date to be confirmed.

OCTOBER

1: Meeting of the Art. 133 Committee Textiles (Porto)  
1-2: Informal Meeting for Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)  
3-4: Conference of Experts for Gender Equality: Employability and Entrepreneurship  
4: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Gender Equality  
4-5: Meeting of the Political and Military Group (PMG)  
4-5: Meeting of the Customs Union Group (Porto)  
8: Seminar on "shaping the Energy Market Integration"  
8&10: Informal meeting of Chief veterinary Officers (CVOs)  
9: Informal Meeting of the Export Credits Group  
9: Meeting of the High-Level Group on Energy  
9-10: SOM EU/Latin American/Caribbean  
10: Informal Meeting of the Employment Committee (EMCO)  
11: Meeting of Cultural Directors of MFAs  
11-12: European Forum of the National Ethics Councils (NEC Forum)  
11-12: Meeting of Policy Planning Directors  
15: Meeting of EU Directors-General Responsible for the Territorial Agenda  
15-16: Meeting of Directors of Archives of MFAs  
17: Troika Political Directors EU/Ukraine  
18-19: Informal Meeting of Heads of State and Government  
22: Ministerial Troika EU-Canada  
22: High-Level Conference on the European Maritime Policy  
22-23: EUROMED/Trade - to be confirmed

23: High-Level Conference on "CSDP and Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution in Africa"  
24: European Conference on the Fight Against Doping in Sports  
24: Meeting of National Coordinators of Drugs  
25: Informal Meeting of Ministers for Sports  
26: Summit EU-Russia (Mafra)  
26: Meeting of the Art. 133 Committee - Services  
26-27: Trade Union Conference EU/Africa  
29-30: Informal Meeting of the Humanitarian Aid Committee (HAC)  
29-30: Meeting of the Committee of Senior Labor Inspector Officials (SLIC)  
31: Seminar: "Creative Economy / Cultural Industries"

#### NOVEMBER

1: Seminar: "Creative Economy / Cultural Industries" (continued)  
1-2: Meeting of the European Union Ecolabelling Board  
2-3: Conference "Schools Facing up to New Challenges"  
4: SOM EUROMED  
5: Ministerial Troika EU/Palestinian Authority  
5: Informal Ministerial Meeting with the Arab Maghreb Union - to be confirmed  
5-6: EUROMED - Foreign Affairs  
7: Troika of Political Directors EU-Japan  
7-8: Meeting of the Information System on Employment Policies (MISEP)  
9-10: Conference "Consumers and Competition: Towards a European Consumer's Collective Redress"  
12: Meeting of the eBSN Steering Group  
12-13: Meeting of the "Public Procurement Network" Group (PPN)  
14: Meeting of the Focal Points for "2008 European Year of Intercultural Dialogue"  
14: Informal Meeting of the Social Protection Committee (SPC)  
15-16: Meeting of Chief Nursing Officers (CNOs)  
15-16: Second Meeting of the Innovative Public Service Group (IPSG)  
18: Second Meeting of the E-Government Group  
18-19: EUROMED MIGRATION (Algarve)  
19-20: Meeting of the National Managers of Employment Services (EURES)  
20-21: Conference on "Airports: Dialogue with Industry"  
21-22: Meeting of Chief Dental Officers  
22: 14th FRONTEX Management Board Meeting  
23-24: Informal Meeting of Ministers of Planning and Regional Development (Azores)  
23-24: Seminar on Practical Cooperation in the Field of External Maritime Border Control in the EU  
23-24: Seminar: "Personal Security Management"

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26-27: Conference "Valuing Learning: European Experiences and Solutions to the Validation of Non-Formal and Informal Learning"  
27-28: Workshop on the Financing of Terrorism  
29-30: Meeting of the SIS-TECH Group  
29-30: Meeting of the EU Water Directors-General

#### DECEMBER

3-4: Meeting of National Coordinators of Extra-hospital Medical Emergencies  
5-6: Seminar on Cultural Heritage and Architecture Policies  
6-7: 15th Meeting of the European Board of National Archives (EBNA)  
6-7: 9th Forum of the EU NGOs  
8-9: EU/Africa Summit  
10-11: Annual Conference on Best Practices in Crime Prevention of the European Crime Prevention Network  
10-11: 49th Meeting of Directors-General for Public Administration  
13-14: European Council (Brussels)  
13-14: Meeting of the Education Committee  
20: Closing Concert - to be confirmed  
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